

**CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT BISCOP and  
THE CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**



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**Sunday after the Ascension – 2nd June 2019**

**WELCOME**

*If you have come to a communion service and you are accustomed to receive in your own church or chapel, you are very welcome at our altar. If you are not a communicant member of a church but would like an individual blessing, please bring a service booklet to the altar rail at the time of communion.*

**CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP**

<b>8.00am Holy Communion (said)</b>	<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Hymns
		223
	<b>6.30pm Evensong</b>	676
	<b>Sunday Club: 10.15am at the Hand-in-Hand</b>	612
<b>Lay Assistants</b> (8) Rosemary Griffiths	(10.30) Vicky Bratt, Joan Parker	426 c
<b>Servers</b> (10.30) Heather Yeates, Rachel Mountford		431 c
<b>Sides</b> (8) Caterina & Richard Gilbert	10.30) David & Chris Crathorne Keith Whittaker, Alyson Bryant	422
<b>Offertory</b> Janet Lailey	<b>Intercession</b>	
Richard Green		
<b>1st NT Lesson</b> Heather Yeates	<b>2nd NT Lesson</b> Mike Frost	<b>Gospel</b> C. Forder Blakeman
<b>EVENSONG</b>	<b>First reading</b> Isaiah 44: 1-8 (NIV p.729 ) Angela Pickering	
	<b>Second reading</b> Ephesians 4: 7-16 (NIV p.1175) Carol Porter	
<b>Server</b> Laurie Gainer	<b>Sides</b> Carol Porter	

*Please join us for coffee after the 10.30am service*

**CHURCH OF THE VENERABLE BEDE**

**9.00am Parish Communion and the ministry of healing**

**Lay Assistant** Laurie Gainer Laurie Gainer (healing)  
**Sides** Meryl Thomas, David Boucher  
**NT Lesson** David Boucher **Gospel** Clergy

*Please join us for coffee after the service*

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Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## First New Testament Lesson Acts 16:16-34 (NRSV)

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.'

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.*

## Second New Testament Lesson Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21 (NRSV)

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. All: Alleluia.*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17:20-26 (NRSV)*

*All: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

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#### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**Morning Prayer** Monday to Saturday **9.00am** at St Benedict's

(Wednesday: prayer for individuals on sick list)

**Holy Communion 9.30am** Tuesday at St Benedict's

**11.00am** Thursday at the Venerable Bede

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 9TH JUNE 2019 – PENTECOST**

St Benedict's: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism

3.00pm Holy Baptism

The Venerable Bede: 9.00am Parish Communion

Sunday Club: 10.15am - Hand-in-Hand

#### **Please note**

Taizé Prayer for this month will be on **Sunday 16th June** and not the 9th.

## PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET HOME AND PRAY WITH US

### Pray for agreement within the Church

*Jesus prayed to the Father, "The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one." John 17: 22 (NRSV)*

**Please pray for the different parts of the Church in this country, that, guided by the Holy Spirit, we may find unity of purpose in building the kingdom of God in our own localities.**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Those to be married this week:* Luke Aarron Woodhouse & Michaela Dawn Parry.

*Those who have asked for our prayers:* Sarah Stephenson, Maureen Gaskin,

Brian Edwards, Diana, Michael Waldron, John Parker, Lisa, Revd Sue Watson, Revd Charmaine Host, Dot Tyrer, Graham, Thelma Cooper, John Phillips, Rosemary, Yvonne Lowe and Sylvia Peers.

*Thanksgiving for improvement:* Helen Whitmore.

*Those who have died recently and their families:* Edwin Fellows, Gwendoline Kaye, James Flavell and Helen Murray.

*If you, or one of your family or a friend would like visiting by the clergy or prayers to be said in connection with any matter which is causing anxiety, such as illness, bereavement or a moment of crisis, please contact the Rector.*

### EVENTS THIS WEEK

*9.00am Monday to Saturday - Morning Prayer at St Benedict's*

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| Mon 3   | No Little Fish at St Benedict's<br>8.00-9.30pm Bell Ringers meet  |
| Tue 4   | 9.30am Holy Communion at St Benedict's<br>8.00pm Baptism preparation at the Wombourne Institute   |
| Wed 5   | 9.00am Morning Prayer with special prayers for the sick – St Benedict's<br>9.30am Pastoral Group meet   |
| Thurs 6 | 2.00pm Safeguarding training at the Vicarage<br>11.00am Holy Communion at <b>St Benedict's</b> due to Bede<br>being used as a polling station               |
| Fri 7   | 7.00pm Choir practice at St Benedict's  |
| Sat 8   | 12 noon Luke Woodhouse & Michaela Parry marry at St Benedict's (o c b) <i>PB</i><br>7.30pm Tantallon Concert at St Benedict's (tickets available in church) |

### Stewardship

Don't forget that if your promise included increasing your Standing Order it can be done online if you have online banking; if not, forms are available at the back of church or from Nigel Welch. Thank you

### Christian Aid

We have received a fantastic late contribution.  
New amounts are now £905.00. Gift Aid £473.61 of which £118.40 will be added to total. Now a little bit better than last year.